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MEMORANDUM **APRIL 9, 1992**

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TO: BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND
THEODORE S. CHANDLER, ACTING DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT: CHARLESTOWN NAVY YARD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER, BUILDINGS B AND C AUTHORIZATION TO FILE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ("DEIR")

SUMMARY: This Memorandum requests authorization to file the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for Buildings B and C of the Biomedical Research Center in the Charlestown Navy Yard with the State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act.

On October 11, 1990, the Boston Redevelopment Authority ("BRA") voted to adopt the Charlestown Navy Yard Master Plan. Subsequently, a Notice of Project Change ("NPC") was submitted to the State Executive Office of Environmental Affairs ("EOEA") describing how the changes proposed by the Master Plan differed from that previously approved by the EOEA pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA").

In response to the NPC, EOEA requested that the BRA submit the revised Master Plan in the form of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("DSEIR") describing the environmental impacts of the proposed changes. The DSEIR was submitted in June 1991 and the Certificate of the Secretary on the DSEIR was issued on August 2, 1991. The Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report ("FSEIR") was submitted in September 1991. The Secretary's Certificate on the FSEIR was issued on October 17, 1991.

The Certificates approving the DSEIR and FSEIR required subsequent submission of an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") for Buildings B and C of the Biomedical Research Center in order to allow MEPA review of detailed site-specific impacts of these structures. The BRA submitted such ENF in November 1991.

Buildings B and C of the Biomedical Research Center are planned to contain 812,000 s.f. of research space and parking for 755 cars. Their construction will provide a critical stimulus to Boston's economy. Approximately 1400 construction and 1700 permanent jobs will be created. Housing and jobs linkage payment resulting from this project will amount to $4,872,000.

The Secretary issued a Scoping Determination for this project on December 23, 1991 which required the preparation of a DEIR. The Scoping Determination was fairly narrowly drawn, as a result of the Secretary's acknowledgement of the significant amount of environmental study and review that had been undertaken over the past 15 months.

The DEIR has been completed and it is requested that the BRA authorize the Director to submit the Buildings B and C DEIR to EOEA pursuant to the MEPA regulations.

An appropriate vote follows:

VOTED: That the Director is hereby authorized to submit the Buildings B and C DEIR to the MEPA Unit of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.